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Tuesday –

My dear Wife Weston.

Mary and I have written a note last night to be conveyed by this evening's post to Bristol

The kind letters dated 27th: received this morning demand an immediate acknowledgement. Indeed they have been acknowledged in sundry letters from Mrs. M. Mary & me now on our table, & which were to have been conveyed to Paris by my friend Mr. Lane (of Charendon) who has been spending a few weeks in Bristol & left for Paris at 11 A. M. today. As he was going to proceed easily on his journey, sleeping at Reading to night, at Folkestone to morrow, & at Boulogne on Thursday, I thought if I called on him at noon with the letters I should be in time, but he had departed. Perhaps this is well for I doubt if he might not have got into some trouble with the letters, the care of which he seemed to think formidable. In a few days an old W. Indian friend of ours Mr Porter, now at the Annes', will go to Paris to see Prince Polignac about his W. Indian Estates, of which Mr Porter is Manager: we have letters to transmit our despatches by him.

Your letters are deeply interesting: many thanks for them. I have just seen a letter from Mrs

Backhall & Sparks's Paris agent M. Tourneux in which he says, "after the short disturbance things are now quiet & likely to remain so, — all they want is future tranquillity even if purchased at the expence of some Liberty — and in France, Liberty & Licence, are very near akin."

As the chances of your getting papers are few, it seems hardly worth while to send any that are very valuable. I at present take at half-price from the Bristol Inst.n the M. Chron.e for the sake of any U.S. articles in them. I will forward to you any we have no occasion to keep. All contain some Paris news

In what contrast are our views of Mr. Brown's case! You look upon him as the victim of a hard lot; nobly struggling against adversity with a martyr's spirit, and kept from repining & dispirited by the force of a naturally calm & cool temperament. I consider him as a beautiful instance of a well disciplined mind: — a man contending against difficulties in the pursuit of knowledge with a thoroughly Christian spirit; trustfully believing that Providence has placed him in the sphere best suited for him, & devising & endeavouring faithfully to fulfil its duties relying upon a Heavenly Parent for support & guidance; ~~praying with him for pecuniary relief~~ the happiness resulting from a successful accomplishment of this

aims; training his mind by habitual resignation & filial confidence in God for meeting the evil of life with dutiful submission, & for ~~contemplating~~ considering death in his own person as in the case of others with composure, & ~~finally fitting~~ labouring to fit himself for that state of existence which is to follow this. —

Mary & I have been on the sick list, but are both mending: I am not again after a fortnight's confinement with a lame & ill conditioned thing — a bad heart & a bad hand! Mrs Mrs. Mitchell is come to nurse us, and we are springing up again

I hope you will get a Bristol Mercury which contains a Report I posted for you yesterday containing one ~~history~~ of the Meeting on the 3rd. Your Friends Mr. Davis & Mr. Chapman's Visit Mr. Kerry did not obtain admission. It is expected that Mr. Davis will not let us explain ourselves, but will act an attack upon us in the next Mercury.

Mr. Ames has called in just now & tells us his guest Mr. Porter will not go to Paris till after Monday next, as on that day is a gay musical party at Cote, to which we also are invited.

Mrs Mackie has written, & had printed in the Mail a letter to express a good notice upon the Am:

criticisms in the form of an Adv.t for "Ten thousand Dollars reward for a Fugitive." (V. South,) signed by the Emperor of Austria. I am sending the paper to the N. York Tribune in case it might copy it. V. South is going on warily: I do not like his talking of the American "glorious struggle" with Mexico. What chance of escape is there for him from the whirlpool of iniquity in which he seems so likely to be engulfed.

I hope in a day or two to despatch a long since commenced letter to my friend, touching the Rt. Revd. & its uncertain Editor. To day's number contains a letter from Ed. Matthews in reply to Sibbles attack.

Mrs Richardson has written me a most saucy note, (praying me off for former kindnesses) in reply to a set of all our recent documents I politely sent her. She considers them "a great waste of paper", — she does not understand politics, — the only "party" that interests her is the slave; — & she sends me (at least "dear Henry" does,) a paper headed "Reasons for not joining the Garrison Party!!" this is cool! Farewell. To each & every one of you my love & best wishes. Affectionately Yours

J. Bishop.

Mrs R. says she never advises not to send to the B. Beacon. May I allude to the certain note one found

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Let me turn to another subject — Mr. Grant. I have been greatly vexed at the little contretemps which has occurred, as he is so sensitive upon it. Mr. G. I conceive is one of the "Precisians" "school" of the present day. Indeed I think the Londonderrys when we Provincials do not regard as "prim to hobbitality," (perhaps they fear an invidious "country cousins") would find very simple acknowledgments of any attentions they pay, feeling probably how numerous the friends are who would be thankful for them: the Archduke of Lichtenstein is greatly appreciated, as they have many favours which they can confer. The facilities of the heavy bill, with ~~four~~ 10 trains a day

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in London, unless all sort of circum-
stances alter cases very simple.

I suppose you have seen Mr. G.'s excellent
article in yesterday's M. Adv.: where
he is following up Lesbia with unsere-
mitting determination? His labours
are too valuable not to meet with
all the encouragement we can
give him, whether as a public
man, or in the social circle.

I wish then, that you, or Mrs Clutterbuck
would write him a line of
thanks for what he is now doing,
if he thanks you not as to his
merits, but in the ordinary courtesy of
our social life, he will
when the A.L. cause is concerned
he will have no cause of complaint
against your hearts, or your manners.

of nothing have helped lately, the Oppn. Party might be taken of adding to the acknowledgment to this great claim upon your gratitude, thanks for other civilities.

We yesterday sent Mr. Grant such a chronological document of our recent A. S. move, which Labby first attempted to upset, — then to ignore, & lastly to claim the merit of making himself, as will furnish a chapter of curious explanation of his movements & why our Mr. G. chose to come down on him. Mr. Grant has begun in an admirable manner, (& I trust he may persevere!) a work which no influential person has attempted in this country since the reign of John Bubble Bubble.

Instead of
giving Mrs. any cause of offence,
it would be far better to pay him
a visit at his office in Fleet St. in
"single line", each lady, dropping
a curtsey, & giving him a bit
as he sits at his writing table.

I have to beg him to be civil
indeed is an old byke of his
cause in regard to the Am. C. S. A.

Do you know that a deputation
of Ulsters, Garnett &c have writ
an hour to beg & pray him
I asked he was immovable.
Brown gave me the account: he
was in the office at the time
I have written a good deal to Mrs.
about Brown, & described to him
the only class of fugitives who
find patronage in Montr. —
as cant about religion, & abuse

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3d Garrison. In yesterday's article he alludes slightly to this point.

You give me, I suspect, more credit for a calm, well regulated mind under the trials of life, than I have any claim to. At any rate what convictions I may have arrived at, & what training I have undergone, may do for me, but would be powerless over minds differently constituted. The element of any faith, a power of this nature which I suppose, is a sort of Optimism springing from an immovable, almost instinctive sentiment of the overruling Providence of God, and of his Paternal character to the human race. Under this government, — one as bound up in Love as in Power & Wisdom, I cannot doubt that all events will be ordered for the best. I cannot doubt of any merciful ones being calculated, &

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intended to benefit those who are the subjects of them. And yet I am far from being a person who easily believes, and who does not require satisfactory evidence for what admits of sufficient proof. The logical difficulties reconciling contingency in events, & human responsibility, with the Prescience of the Deity & his ~~direction of events~~ universal agency is as apparent to me as to others: still, however it might have come, I am perfectly conscious of my free will, of my power of choosing good or evil & seldom feel any difficulty in seeing what my duty requires however disinclined I may be to follow its promptings, or whatever may be the duty of others. The views I have been able to deduce from such of the evidences of revealed

religion as appear clear and at much that is obscure & unsatisfactory, are in entire harmony with, (for perhaps the cause of) these convictions; and were my aim confined to the passing thro' this life in the happiest manner, I believe the object would best be secured by that course of conduct, & that training of the mind which appear to me most conducive to happiness in another life - But this is more a subject for answers & in than for writing, as I may fail to make myself understood.

You are referred to our answer at Heidelberg this time twelve months

~~Thursday~~ Mary read it to me as I was in bed this morning, (for I indulge by breakfasting there) while

Phebe was sitting by, so we were
ready the party to recall Cash
you & talk about its merits. This
day two months was we when
Phebe & I enjoyed a delightful
walk, (— not to the Cemetery
till Emma left) thro' vineyards
& shade woods on the hill above
the Phil. Spleen Walk —

Perhaps it was as well for G.
Thompson not to have been at
the Cadwalader Meeting: — I think
things are working on well.

Mama writes in glee to chant
her Voice —

I am very sorry to learn of
Emma's having suffered so
severely — Our love is with you
all — Affect'ly Yours J. B. Calla

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